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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, the term for response to which expires on December 20, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-24 are amended, and claims 2 and 8 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Amendment (14)

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Dated: December 19, 2005

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